

Remarks

Claims 2 to 6, 10 and 13 have been amended, claims 1 and 9 have been canceled, and claims 14 and 15 have been added. Accordingly, with the entry of claims 14 and 15, claims 2 to 8, and 10 to 15 are currently pending in this application. Applicants now address each and every point raised by the Examiner in the above-identified Office action as follows:

I. Claim Rejection Under Section 102 Based on Arnold

Claims 1, 3, 5, 9 and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being allegedly anticipated by Arnold. As noted below, Applicants have cancelled independent claims 1 and 9 to pursue the claims identified as being allowable over the cited prior art. In view thereof, Applicants submit that this basis of rejection has been obviated.

II. Claim Rejection Under Section 102 Based on Gammill

Claims 1, 4 and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being allegedly anticipated by Gammill. As noted below, Applicants have cancelled independent claims 1 and 9 to pursue the claims identified as being allowable over the cited prior art. In view thereof, Applicants submit that this basis of rejection has been obviated.

III. Allowable Claims

Claims 2, 6 to 8, 10 and 11 have been identified as being allowable if rewritten into independent form. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's noted allowability of these claims. Accordingly, claims 2, 6 and 10 have been rewritten into independent form, and Applicants submit that these claims (and claims 3 to 5, 7, 8, and 11 to 13 depending

respectively therefrom) are in allowable form, and respectfully request the allowance of these claims.

IV. New Claims

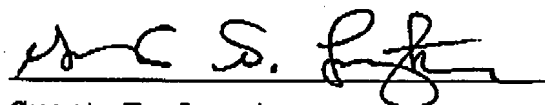
Applicants have presented new claims 14 and 15. Applicants submit that these claims recite subject matter that is well supported in the specification and that is patentable over the prior art of record. In view thereof, Applicants respectfully request that these new claims be entered, examined, and allowed.

V. Conclusion

For the reasons presented above, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102 be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that claims 2 to 8, and 10 to 15 pending in this patent application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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